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Classified by POL External Chief David Burger for reasons 1.4  
(b) and (d).

(C) On May 3 we delivered reftel demarche to MFA Head of Department for Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus Meltem Buyukkarakas. She reported that Turkey shared our concerns about Belarus being elected to the UN Human Rights Council, but said it would be awkward for Turkey to vote to fill only one of the two spots available in the Eastern Europe slate. It would be easier for Turkey if another candidate could be identified. She added that some weeks ago the Belarus embassy here had approached MFA seeking Turkey,s vote for the Council. UK Embassy here informed us that MFA,s UN affairs staff gave a similar response.

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